

WILLIAM STARK ROSECRANS VFW POST 3261 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

“It’s not the dues you pay to be a member, it’s the price you paid to be eligible”

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM POST 3261



**POST COMMANDER JAMES
“JIMMY C” CARRADINE**

November was a month of celebrations for veterans. The November 10, 1775, 246th birthday of the Marines, the “*Few and the Proud*”; Native American Indian Heritage Month celebrating the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans and all who

have served; and on November 11, 2021, we honored all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We salute every member who has served.

At the November 11th *City of Gardena 32nd Annual Veterans Day Service*, William Stark Rosecrans Post 3261 received two Certificates of Recognition which were presented by Steven Bradford, 35th District State of California and Congresswoman Maxine Waters, 43rd District U.S. House of Representatives. It was my privilege to receive both of these proclamations on behalf of Post 3261.

It came to my attention that I have been remiss in not recognizing two new members who joined us in October. I would like to welcome Elvin Carter, US Army Vietnam Vet and Juan C. Guerrero who was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Juan was also recently elected as the Junior Vice Commander of Post 3261 and is one of our youngest, active members.

Our website is still a work in progress and will hopefully be completed in January 2022. ***The help of a volunteer webmaster would be much appreciated.***

Our Post Officers wish each of the members and supporters of Post 3261 a *Happy Thanksgiving and a very Happy Holiday!*

POST CALENDAR

Post Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Post 3261.

Membership meetings will be held on Zoom. Please send us your email address if you’d like to participate.

Bingo: Every Wednesday- Doors Open at 4:30 p.m. – Starts at 6:30 p.m.

(L.A. County COVID guidelines are followed.)

NOTICE: The L.A. County Public Health Department has issued a new countywide health order that requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter indoor bars, wineries, breweries, nightclubs, and lounges, effective October 7, 2021. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your patronage.

QUARTERMASTER NORMAN "NORM" CHIBANA

Annual membership dues are **\$40.00** and can be paid at Post 3261, or at vfw.org. Consider changing from Annual to Lifetime Membership with payment on an installment plan or as a one-time payment.

EMPHASIS ON MEMBERSHIP: RECRUIT AND RETAIN

REACH OUT to friends and family who are qualified veterans but are not members. Invite them to a meeting or an activity so they can see "What's in it for them."

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – HELP MAKE POST 3261 EVEN BETTER IN 2022!!

SIGN-UP at the Bar or call (310) 324-6161 or email jimmyc_90250@yahoo.com.

RENT THE BANQUET HALL FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY OR EVENT!

The Banquet Hall is approximately 2550 sq. ft. with a 325 sq. ft. stage. There is a separate bar area, separate entrances and exits and restrooms available. There is plenty of parking and on-site management. The building is air-conditioned and heated and is a non-smoking facility.

HALL RENTAL PRICES AND CONDITIONS

HALL CAPACITY IS 250 PERSONS (Per Fire Dept.)

SECURITY DEPOSIT TO RESERVE WITH CONTRACT.....	\$500.00
SUNDAY (3 PM TO 10 PM)	\$950.00
MONDAY – THURSDAY.....	\$550.00
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (BAR CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT).....	\$1900.00
PATIO – NO KITCHEN (10 AM – 6 PM).....	\$650.00

A deposit is required. The VFW **will not** hold a date for you without a deposit. It is important that you place a deposit to secure the date and time for your event. Policies for the rental are contained in our agreement. Call ahead and make an appointment to stop in and see our venue. Please call the Post at (310) 324-6161 or send an email to chibanan@yahoo.com.

CANTEEN

Open Mon. – Sun.
2:00 – 10:00 pm

**OPEN SUNDAYS AT 1 PM
FOR ALL NFL GAMES**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!



Come and **CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS** with our great bartenders **Ryann and Sweeney!**

- Two Large Screen TVs
- Smoke-Free Facility
- Free Wi-Fi Available

TACO Tuesday 4-9 PM

Carne Asada & Chicken \$1.50

Open Wednesdays during
BINGO

Kitchen Hours: 5 - 9 PM

MENU

Hot Dogs / Hamburgers
Cheese Toast / Patty Melt
Taco Salad / French Fries

Desserts: Brownies &
Pineapple Upside Down
Cake

REMINDER: The post maintains the name, address, phone number and email of our members and auxiliary. Don't forget to send your changes and updates to the Post Quartermaster.

WE REMEMBER



VFW REMEMBERS U.S. ARMY GENERAL COLIN L. POWELL

Former Secretary of State was a VFW Life Member

WASHINGTON (Oct. 18, 2021) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is mourning the passing of former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired U.S. Army General Colin L. Powell, who passed away due to complications of cancer and COVID-19 this morning at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 84 years old.



“General Powell was a trailblazer and one of the most influential leaders of U.S. foreign policy in the last 40 years,” said VFW National Commander Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic. “From platoon leader in Cold War West Germany and

military advisor during the Vietnam conflict, to overseeing the invasion of Panama and Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Powell led generations of men and women who were at the same time warriors and ambassadors for our nation. Yet, in spite all of his accomplishments and accolades, he never strayed away from the core of who he was - a soldier devoted to his family and the country he loved. He cared about service members. He cared about veterans. He cared about our fellow citizens. He was one of our own,” Mihelcic said. General Powell was a Life member of the VFW Department of Maryland.

“On behalf of the entire 1.5 million-member VFW family, our deepest condolences go out to the entire Powell family, and we salute this extraordinary man whose life of selfless service is a stalwart example for all of us.”

CELEBRATIONS



VA | #VETERANOFTHEDAY



GUS PALMER SR.

Gus Palmer Sr. was born in Redstone, Oklahoma, and was a member of the Kiowa tribe. In April 1944, he enlisted and after basic training, went to the 413th Bomber Squadron as part of the 96th

Bomber Group. Palmer served at Royal Air Force Snetterton Heath in southeast England as part of [Eighth Air Force](#).

Palmer served as a waist gunner in the B-17 Flying Fortress. The primary duty of a waist gunner was to protect the aircraft from enemy aircraft. They also checked the aircraft for damage and assisted the flight engineer with repairs if necessary. Palmer flew 18 successful bomb runs during his service. He also became friends with a fellow Kiowa, Horace Poolaw, who was an aerial photographer. Palmer appeared with him in several of Poolaw's photos, both wearing flight suits and war bonnets. An [article on Horace Poolaw in the Magazine of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian](#) describes the dress of Kiowa soldiers in World War II as "a warrior in a different uniform."

Palmer honorably discharged from the military in December 1945. During his service, he received a Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, and a European Theater Operations Campaign Medal with two bronze stars.

Following his military service, Palmer returned to his hometown. In 1958, he led an effort to revive a Kiowa Veterans group called the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society. In [William Meadow's 2012 book "Kiowa Military Societies: Ethnohistory and Ritual,"](#) Palmer explained that the reason he wanted to revive the society came from his World War II experiences overseas

and his desire to give back to the community. He also wanted to honor the memory of his brother, Lyndreth, who had also served and was killed in action in Germany.

In a [2006 article from The Oklahoman](#), the Black Leggings' annual ceremony was described as members dancing and singing dressed in black leggings and red capes, sometimes decorated with military medals and insignia. The society's color guard appears regularly at ceremonies, parades and meetings across the state of Oklahoma.

"This is a unique organization," Palmer said in a 2002 interview with The Oklahoman. "I'm proud to be keeping it like it is — to preserve and celebrate. This is all tribal way, tradition, custom."

Palmer served as commander of the group until 2006, and according to [a 2010 article in The Native Times](#), as part of his ceremonial regalia, he put 21 eagle feathers on his lance to represent the 21 bombing missions he made in World War II.

Palmer was also active in his tribe. He served as Kiowa chief from 1969 to 1970 and on the tribe's Constitution Revision Committee in 1984.

Palmer died in November 2006 at the age of 87.

We honor his service.

SOURCE: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/96172/veteranoftheday-army-air-forces-veteran-gus-palmer-sr/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES!



THE VFW SALUTES ALL WHO HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO CALL THEMSELVES A UNITED STATES MARINE

WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) joins in with our grateful nation in celebrating the birthday of the United States Marine Corps, who, from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, have fought our country's battles in the air, the land and sea for the past 246 years.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress resolution calling for "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces for the fleet, would give birth to the Continental Marines. Since then, "the Few" and "the Proud" have answered our nation's call, participating in every single U.S. conflict, fighting for freedom across the globe, and racking up an impressive record of "battles won." Respected by our allies, feared by our enemies, and revered by all Americans, the U.S. Marine Corps has earned the reputation as the finest fighting force the world has ever known.

Please join the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary in saying happy 246th birthday and 'thank you' to every U.S. Marine both past and present, knowing full well there is no such thing as a former Marine.

Semper Fi!

POST 3261 HONORED AT THE CITY OF GARDENA 32ND ANNUAL VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Thursday, November 11, 2021



PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: City of Gardena Councilmembers Mark E. Henderson and Art Kaskanian; State Senator Steven Bradford, 35th District of California; Peary Middle School, Gardena, "Veterans Day" Essay Contest Winner, Ivette Gonzalez; Sr. Vice Post Commander Stan Shintani, Nisei Memorial Post 1961; Post Commander James L. Carradine, William Stark Rosecrans Post 3261; Congresswoman Maxine Waters, 43rd U.S. Congressional District; City of Gardena Mayor Tasha Cerda; City of Gardena, Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanka; City of Gardena Councilmember Paulette C. Francis.



PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS: District 4 Commander Mike Laughling, VFW Post 1961 Sr. Vice Commander Stan Shintani, VFW Post 3261 Commander James "Jimmy C" Carradine and City of Gardena Mayor Tesha Cerda.



POST 3261: Sr. Vice Commander Noe Rubio; Post Commander James "Jimmy C" Carradine; Quartermaster Norman "Norm" Chibana

VETERANS NEWS UPDATE



VET TECH STUDENT VETERANS POISED TO JOIN THE FASTGROWING TECH INDUSTRY

With the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimating IT occupations will increase by 13 percent over the next decade, the Veteran Employment Through Technology Program ([VET TEC](#)) paves the way for VET TEC student Veterans to join this growing industry.

Veterans with at least one day of remaining GI Bill entitlement are eligible to enroll in the VET TEC program and gain high-tech skills within a matter of months. Upon completion of the program, VET TEC graduates typically find employment in 67 days with an average salary above \$59,000.

Growing Together

VET TEC is dedicated to supporting Veterans in upskilling to join the 21st century workforce. One VET TEC graduate [shared](#), "I've always wanted to be a programmer. The GI Bill and VET TEC made it a reality."

Courses offered by [training providers](#), such as cybersecurity, data science and software engineering, have helped VET TEC students learn new skills and land roles in high-demand tech careers. Training providers and employer partners are major contributors to the success of over 2,500 VET TEC graduates. "I learned a lot and now have a job earning twice what I was making before I started the program," said a recent VET TEC graduate.

Connecting the VET TEC Community

Students are invited to join monthly events held by the [VET TEC Employer Consortium](#), including:

- Opportunities to network with employers
- Resume workshops
- Panel discussions
- Lunch and learns

Beyond developing new skills, VET TEC helps to foster connections with employers, ultimately creating ideal pathways for new careers.

What's Next?

With program funding available as of October 1, 2021, and a [recent expansion to the program](#) – to include transitioning service members – we are excited to continue growing the program while preparing our Veterans for the careers of the 21st century.

To learn more about the VET TEC program, visit our [website](#), and check out our [https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/96715/vet-tec-student-veterans-poised-to-join-the-fast-growing-tech-industry/upcoming events](https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/96715/vet-tec-student-veterans-poised-to-join-the-fast-growing-tech-industry/upcoming-events).

Know an employer in need of tech talent? Refer them to the [Employer Consortium](#) page to learn how to partner with us.

SOURCE: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/96715/vet-tec-student-veterans-poised-to-join-the-fast-growing-tech-industry/>

VA Begins Processing New Disability Claims

The VA on Aug. 11 announced that the department will start processing new claims related to military service in the Middle East. Those claims are for the following conditions:

- Asthma
- Rhinitis
- Sinusitis

Based on recent research by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, VA determined that particulate matter pollution, known to be caused by burn pits, is associated with chronic asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis for veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater beginning on Aug. 2, 1990. It also includes those who served in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning on Sept. 19, 2001. The department will presume that these veterans were exposed to particulate matter, according to a VA press release.

VA also will conduct an outreach campaign to veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and provide them with information on how to apply, according to the VA press release.

To learn more, visit www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.

SOURCE: November/December VFW magazine/VA Update/pg. 12

Service Dog Training Program Becomes Law

President Joe Biden on August 26th signed a VFW-backed bill into law that will connect veterans with service dogs.

The *Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act, or PAWS Act*, authorizes VA to establish a five-year pilot program that will connect PTSD-diagnosed veterans with service dogs. The law, *P.L. 117-37*, also requires VA to provide veterinary costs for the service dog.

In a study published last year, VA found that service dogs offer quality-of-life improvements to veterans with PTSD. Study participants paired with a service dog “experienced a reduction in the severity of PTSD symptoms” after 18 months. (Read more about the study in the August 2021 issue of VFW magazine on page 10. <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/vfw-magazine>).

During testimony to Congress in June, VFW National Legislative Service Deputy Director Tammy Barlet said that VA must provide mental health care options that work best for the veteran. “Continuation of care is crucial to overcome any illness successfully, whether it is physical or mental health care provider every six months helps to insure more consistent and open communication between the medical provider and veterans.”

SOURCE: November/December VFW magazine/VA Update/pg. 14



***Wishing You and Your Family
A Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!***

VFW POST 3261 OFFICERS

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